

LETTER 13

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Gentlemen,

I have forwarded by parcel post a set of "Patent Cycle Rifle Clips" in which I am interested. These have been adopted by the Queensland and New South Wales Governments for the Cycle Corps, and a number were sent to South Africa with our Cycle Contingent.

I enclose you copies of Testimonials from Col. now General Finn of the New South Wales forces, who was commandant in Queensland at the time, and also from Captain Moon who commanded the Cycle Corps in Queensland.

You will notice the advantages of these clips over others as stated by Captain Moon that there is nothing but metal in their construction, thus ensuring reliability in securing the rifle in all weathers, as well as the ease and speed which the rifle can be secured and released at will. You will readily see how the back or butt clip attaches on the bottom and upright bar, in such a position that the butt of the rifle cannot knock against the upright tube of the frame, but rests against the hook or step of the clip. The butt clip will fit any Gov. pattern rifle, but the front clip to hold tight must be made different widths for the Magazine and other pattern as the stocks vary in width. The eccentric when lifted should make the spring grip tight on the stock, and when both are fastened this way you will find the machine can be lifted up by the rifle and cannot be shaken off. The front clip can be released before dismounting or locked when mounted or on smooth roads the front lock need not be used at all.

The set of clips have been made and sold here wholesale at 10/6 per pair, and 15/6 retail, and as far as I can learn about 300 to 550 pairs have been disposed of like the sample sent.

The owners of the Patents, English No 69132 of 1900 and Australian wish to sell out of all rights, so I thought you might be inclined to take it up, remembering our conversation when I was in England.

If you can do anything at all in the way of an offer cable to "Alexandra" Brisbane will find me, and feel sure, knowing the success here it must be worth something to you, and would find a ready sale if properly placed on the English market, and they would be worth having the exclusive rights of manufacture.

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Yours faithfully,
Alf Geo Jackson